

Constitutes the Visvesvaraya Canal Area Board with two Standing Committees for the development of irrigation, health and communications in the Visvesvaraya Canal Area.

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Government Order No. P.W. 3857-69—K.R.S. 11-49-7, dated 4th November 1949, according sanction to the formation of a Committee with the personnel noted therein for submitting proposals for administering the Sugarcane Cess expenditure for various purposes in the Visvesvaraya Canal area.

2. Government Order No. P.W. 5217-49—K.R.S. 11-49-18, dated 14th December 1949 reconstituting the K.R.S. Working Committee, Health Committee and Irrigation Development Committee with the personnel noted therein to deal with questions relating to irrigation, public health and communications in the Visvesvaraya Canal area.

3. Government Order No. P.W. 7462-71—K.R.S. 11-50-24, dated 12th December 1950 constituting an *Ad hoc* Committee with the personnel noted therein to examine in detail the functions of the various Committees now functioning in the Visvesvaraya Canal area and to suggest the formation of a Standing Committee to take over all the functions and avoid overlapping, suggesting at the same time the personnel of the new Committee.

4. Letter No. 1668, dated 30th May 1952, from the Secretary, Krishnarajasagar *Ad hoc* Committee forwarding the report of the Committee.

5. Government Order No. P.W. 8578-87—K.R.S. 11-52-1, dated 19th December 1952 constituting a Co-ordination Committee to review the storage position of Krishnarajasagara Reservoir from time to time and suggest suitable measures for the economical use of water.

6. Government Order No. P.W. 11252-62—K.R.S. 11-52-2, dated the 7th March 1953, constituting a Committee to evolve a suitable permanent planting programme for Visvesvaraya Canal area.

ORDER THEREON No. P.W. 9426-9525—K.R.S. 11-53-9, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 26TH DECEMBER 1953.

The question of co-ordinating the activities of the several committees now functioning in the Visvesvaraya Canal area came up for consideration before the 36th meeting of the Krishnarajasagar Working Committee held on 4th November 1950, which recommended the constitution of an *Ad hoc* Committee for the purpose. Accordingly the Krishnarajasagar *Ad hoc* Committee was constituted in the Government Order read in para 3 of the preamble. The *Ad hoc* Committee has recommended the abolition of all the existing Committees and the constitution of a Statutory Board with two Sub-Committees, with independent powers to frame its own budget and sanction works relating to the development of the area. These recommendations of the *Ad hoc* Committee were concurred in by the Krishnarajasagar Working Committee at its 40th meeting held on 3rd August 1952.

2. The report of the *Ad hoc* Committee and its recommendations have been examined by Government carefully in all its aspects. The Committee's suggestion to constitute a Statutory Board with authority and control over the entire area is found to be beset with complications for the reason that the storage in Krishnarajasagar reservoir serves both irrigation and power requirements and the regulation of waters thereof is governed by agreements entered into with Madras. Irrigation in the Visvesvaraya Canal area has not yet stabilised and the Krishnarajasagar Special Committee appointed in the Government Order No. P.W. 3191-16, dated 22nd May 1950 have made certain suggestions to evolve a satisfactory system of control and distribution of water with suitable crop planning in the area and action is being taken to implement them. Any attempt at this stage to appoint a Board with an over-all control over the area might interfere with the work already undertaken to systematise the mode of irrigation.

3. Government are therefore unable to accept the recommendation regarding the formation of a Statutory Board. They nevertheless consider that it is necessary to secure close co-ordination of the activities of the several existing Committees as recommended by the Krishnarajasagar *Ad hoc* Committee and to avoid the multiplicity of committees now functioning, and are therefore pleased to direct that an

advisory body called the "Visvesvaraya Canal Area Board" with two Standing Committees be constituted for a period of 3 years from 1st January 1954 in the first instance with the personnel and functions as noted below:—

VISVESVARAYA CANAL AREA BOARD.

- 1 The Minister for Revenue and Public Works (*Chairman*).
 - 2 The Chief Engineer of Mysore.
 - 3 The Director of Agriculture in Mysore.
 - 4 The Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore.
 - 5 The Director of Public Health in Mysore.
 - 6 The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
 - 7 The Revenue Commissioner, in Mysore.
 - 8 The Superintending Engineer, Cauvery Circle.
 - 9 The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.
 - 10 The Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District.
 - 11 The Chairman, Mysore Sugar Company.
 - 12 The President, District Board, Mandya.
 - 13 Sri M. Narasimhaiya, B.A., C.E., M.I.E., Chief Engineer (Retired).
 - 14 Sri K. Chikkalingaiah, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Mandya.
 - 15 Sri P. Thirumale Gowda, M.L.C., Shivapura, Maddur Town.
 - 16 Sri K. V. Veeregowda, Vice-President, District Board, Mandya.
 - 17 Sri K. Puttaswamy, B.A. (Hons.), LL.B., M.L.A., Mysore.
 - 18 Sri S. M. Lingappa, B.A., LL.B., M.L.A., Krishnarajapet.
 - 19 Sri M. Chikkalingiah, B.A., M.L.A., Malavalli.
 - 20 Sri K. V. Veerappa, Malavalli.
 - 21 Sri S. Srinivasa Iyengar, B.E., M.L.A., T.-Narsipur.
 - 22 Sri Shivananje Gowda, M.L.A., Naganahalli, Mysore Taluk.
 - 23 Sri B. P. Nagaraja Murthy, B.A., LL.B., M.L.A., and Advocate, Mandya.
 - 24 Sri B. Y. Neelegowda, B.A., LL.B., M.L.A., Advocate, Mandya.
- The Assistant Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, (*Ex-Officio Secretary*)

The functions of the Board will be advisory in character and will include the following:—

- (i) Consideration of the general policies about the development of the Visvesvaraya Canal Area, and of such areas as are inevitable associated with it, and of the measures for the development in the matter of irrigation, health, communications, etc., in the area.
- (ii) Crop planning programme in conformity with storage conditions and regulations in the reservoir and with a view to the economic utilisation of the waters.
- (iii) Arrangements for the co-ordination of the activities of the different agencies functioning in the Visvesvaraya Canal area.
- (iv) Review of the activities of the Standing Committees.
- (v) Such subjects or classes of subjects, as may be referred to it by Government from time to time.

The Board will meet once in six months, or oftener if necessary.

The Board will have two Standing Committees called the Health Standing Committee and the Development Standing Committee with the personnel and functions noted below:—

I. HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE.

1. The Director of Public Health (CHAIRMAN)
 2. The Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District
 3. The Superintending Engineer, Cauvery Circle
 4. The General Manager, the Mysore Sugar Co., Ltd.
 5. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District
 6. The President, District Board Mandya
 7. to 11. (Five non-official members of the Board to be named by it)
- The Superintendent, Bureau of Malariology. (*Ex-Officio Secretary*)

The functions of this Committee will be :—

- (1) To examine all questions relating to anti-malaria engineering works, such as, creating dry belts, canalising valleys, village shifting, etc., and other works calculated to improve the general health conditions in the area, and to make recommendations to the Board ;
- (2) To examine questions placed before it by Departmental Officers in the area and investigate the necessity for health measures that may be suggested by the members of the Committee ;
- (3) To review the progress of health measures in the area taken by the Public Works and Health Departments and offer their views ; and
- (4) To advise the Public Works and Health Departments, through the Board, regarding the provisions to be made in the budget for health measures and regarding the programme of works for spending the sanctioned grants.

II. DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE.

1. A non-official Chairman (to be appointed by Government)
2. The Director of Agriculture
3. The Superintending Engineer, Cauvery Circle
4. The Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District
5. The General Manager, the Mysore Sugar Co. Ltd.
6. The President, District Board, Mandya
7. to 12. (The six non-official members of Board to be named by it)
The Executive Engineer, Mandya Division, (*Ex-officio* Secretary).

This committee will deal generally with questions relating to the extension of irrigation, development of communications and improvement of agriculture in the Visvesvaraya Canal area and its other functions will be as follows :—

- (i) To advise the concerned departments through the Board regarding the provisions to be made in the annual budget for the above works and to offer suggestions regarding the programme of works against lump-sum provisions made in the budget
- (ii) To offer to the Board its views regarding crop-planning, economic utilisation of water and possibilities of extending irrigation with reference to the local conditions, including original major works ;
- (iii) To take over all the functions of the Sugarcane Cess Fund Committee and to advise regarding the priority for taking up road works. The Committee will also draw up a programme of expenditure for the formation and maintenance of the roads taken up under the Sugarcane Cess Fund. It will also advise on the necessity for the formation of new roads and improvement of existing tract roads. The existing State Fund and District Fund Roads in the Visvesvaraya Canal Area will not, however, come within the purview of this Committee. The Committee will review the progress on road works and offer its views to the Board ; and
- (iv) To examine the possibility of introduction of improved implements and machinery for cultivation and securing for the ryots good seeds and manure for agricultural purposes.

The standing committees will function under the general superintendence of the Board and the proceedings of the Committees will be subject to ratification by the Board.

4. The expenditure relating to the Board and the Standing Committees will be met from the maintenance grants of the Krishnarajasagara Works.